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7. Description MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD ARMORIES THEMATIC GROUP

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The east side of the center block contains three windows at basement level (the center one blocked and stuccoed over), three at the first floor and two on the second floor (in two rearmost bays), all designed and trimmed as on the front facade. Four stone-capped crenelles top the center block side. The rear one-story drill hall over full basement is six bays long, punctuated by six buttresses with stone trimmed setbacks corresponding to water table, first floor window bases and tops, and capped with

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7. DESCRIPTION (continued)

stone. First floor windows are four-paned sash under one-pane horizontal strips, one window per bay trimmed with stone sill. The roof over the drill hall is a shallow barrel vault.

The rear of the Armory drill hall is brick and with three rows of corbelling comprising a decorative arch over two original industrial-style windows. A one-story brick garage and fenced motor compound occupy the rear yard.

The west side of the building is identical to the east side except the rearmost bay of the drill hall contains a double door entry to the basement with cement ramp leading up to the street.

The well maintained long front lawn contains an elevated sidewalk, as if masking a bunker or tunnel, leading from the street to the front doors. Double flights of cement steps run perpendicular to the front facade and join the walkway immediately in front of the entrance. Near the street on the front lawn is a marble monument depicting a World War I soldier in uniform, a memorial to the citizens of Cecil County who served in that war.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Verbal Boundary Description:

BEGINNING for the same at the corner formed by the intersection of the northern-most side of Railroad Avenue and the easternmost side of Bow Street, and running thence along said Railroad Avenue and binding thereon north seventy-nine degrees east one hundred and fifty three and four tenths feet to the westernmost side of an alley fifteen feet wide, thence along said alley, with the use thereof, north thirteen and one-half degrees east three hundred and one and eight-tenths feet to the southernmost side of Stockton Street, thence in a westerly direction along side Stockton Street one hundred and forty feet to the easternmost side of Bow Street, and thence binding thereon south thirteen and one-half degrees west three hundred and sixty-eight and eight-tenths feet to the place of beginning...

Boundary Justification:

The nominated property comprises the total parcel historically associated with the resource.

8. Significance MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD ARMORIES THEMATIC GROUP CE-1035

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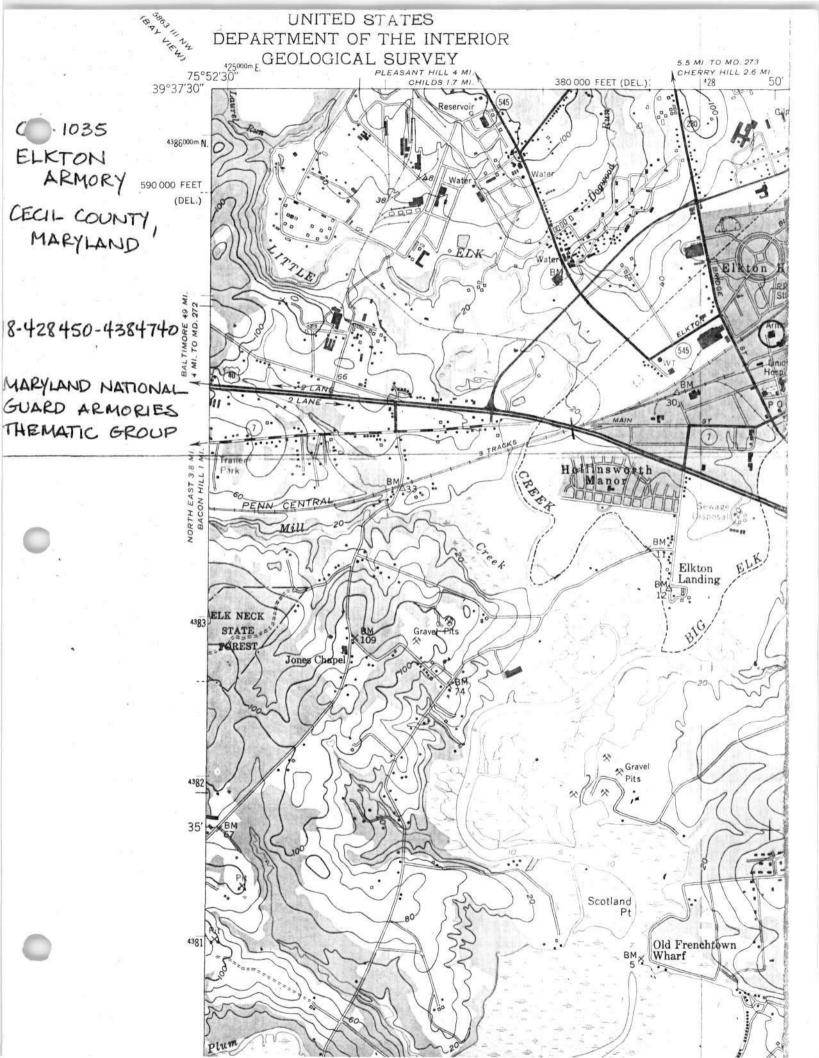
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The Elkton, Maryland Armory is primarily significant for it's association with the reorganization and expansion of the National Guard system in the twentieth century. It derives additional significance from its role as a social center for its community, a function it has served continuously since its construction date. Architecturally, the building embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type, including a T shaped plan with a two-story front "head house" section and a one-story perpendicular "drill hall" extending to the rear; its facade is detailed to recall Medieval fortifications, with towers flanking the central entrance, crenellated parapets, and strip buttresses.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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Aside from active use by the National Guard, the Armory currently hosts general education diploma classes for CETA trainees two nights weekly.

RECOMMENDATION: Continue use as a Maryland National Guard Armory with selected community activities.

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10 GEOGR	APHICA	AL DATA
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Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See continuation sheet 10 - 3

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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NAME / TITLE

Susanne Moore, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

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21 State Circle/Shaw House

STATE

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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The east side of the center block contains three windows at basement level (the center one blocked and stuccoed over), three at the first floor and two on the second floor (in two rearmost bays), all designed and trimmed as on the front facade. The water table and top stone molding continue around the sides as on the front facade. Four stone-capped crenelles top the center block side. The rear one-story drill hall over full basement is six bays long, puncutated by six buttresses with stone trimmed setbacks corresponding to water table, first floor window bases and tops, and capped with stone. First floor windows are four-paned sash under one-pane horizontal strips, one window per bay trimmed with stone sill. The roof over the drill hall is a shallow barrel vault.

The rear of the Armory drill hall is brick and with three rows of corbelling comprising a decorative arch over two original industrial-style windows. A one-story brick garage and fenced motor compound occupy the rear yard.

The west side of the building is identical to the east side except the rearmost bay of the drill hall contains a double door entry to the basement with cement ramp leading up to the street.

The well maintained long front lawn contains an elevated sidewalk, as if masking a bunker or tunnel, leading from the street to the front doors. Double flights of cement steps run perpindicular to the front facade and join the walkway immediately in front of the entrance. Near the street on the front lawn is a marble monument depicting a World War I soldier in uniform, a memorial to the citizens of Cecil County who served in that war.

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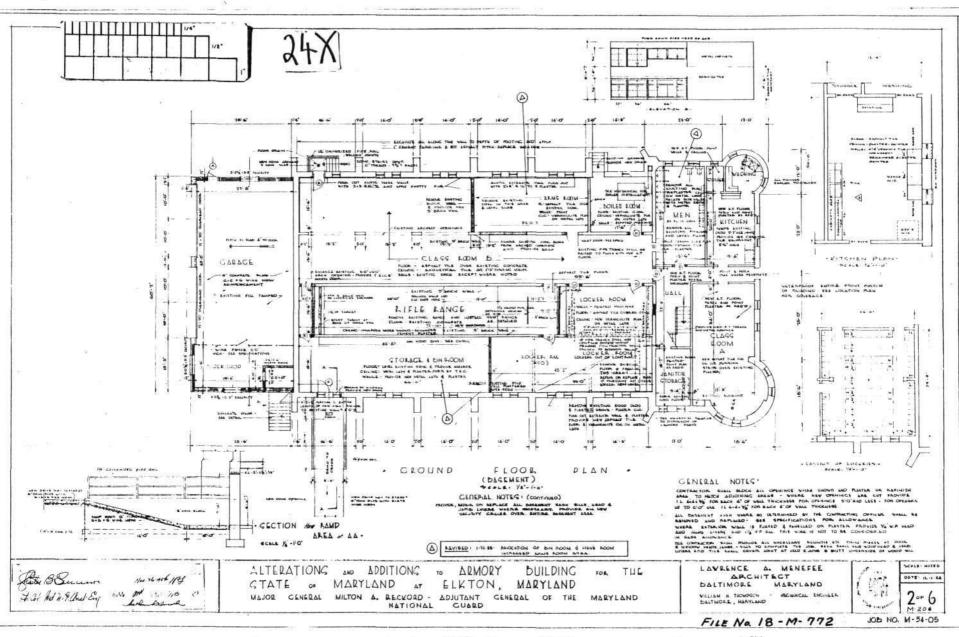
BEGINNING for the same at the corner formed by the intersection of the Northernmost side of Railroad Avenue and the Easternmost side of Bow Street, and running thence along said Railroad Avenue and binding theron North seventy-nine degrees East one hundred and fifty three and four tenths feet to the Westernmost side of an Alley fifteen feet wide, thence along said Alley, with the use thereof, North thirteen and one-half degrees East three hundred and one and eight-tenths feet to the Southernmost side of Stockton Street, thence in a Westerly direction along side Stockton Street one hundred and forty feet to the Easternmost side of Bow Street, and thence binding thereon South thirteen and one-half degrees West three hundred and sixty-eight and eight-tenths feet to the place of beginning ...

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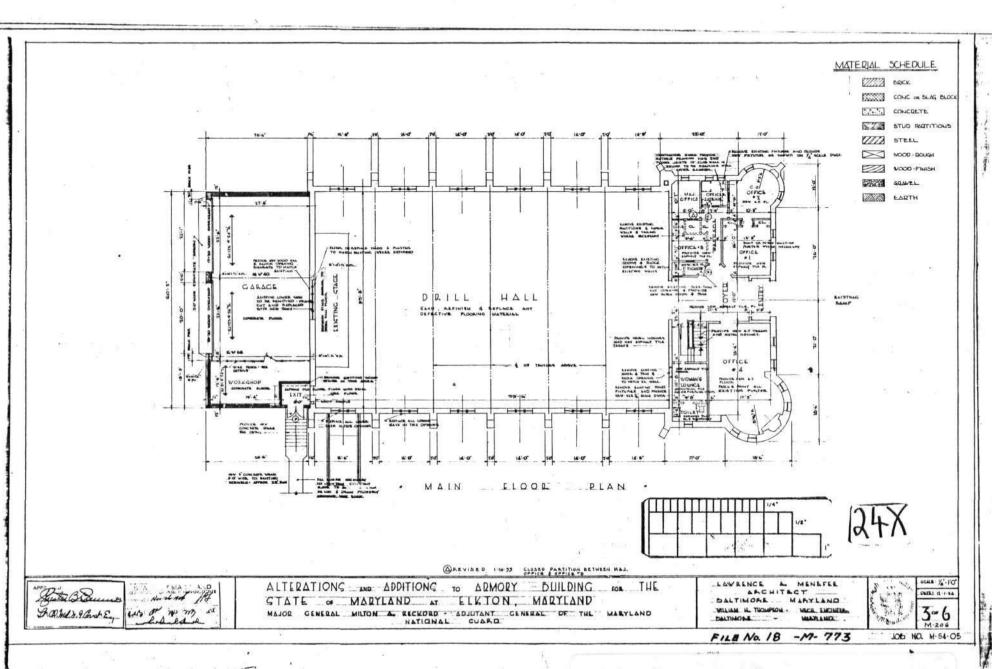
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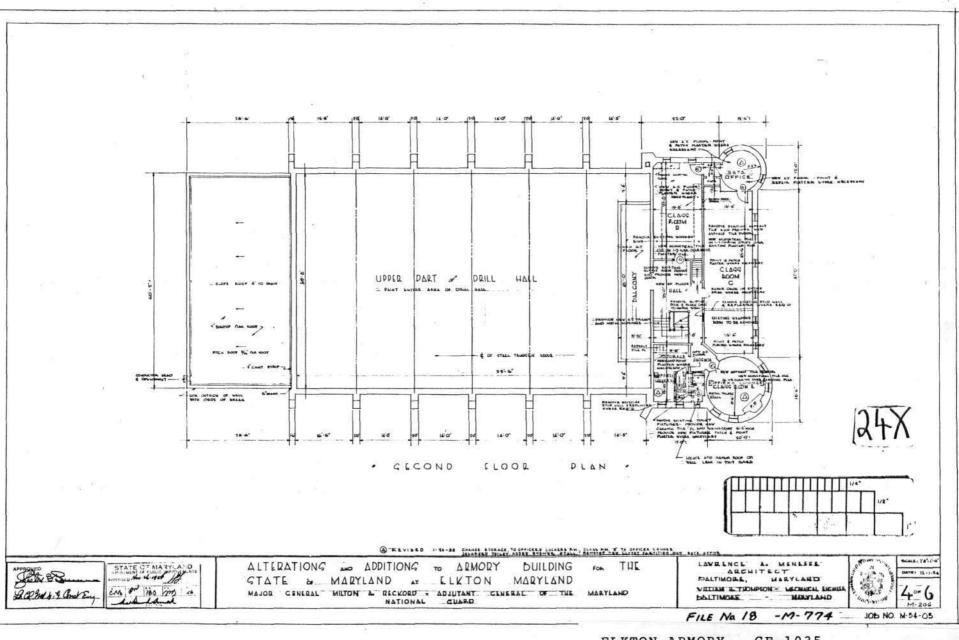
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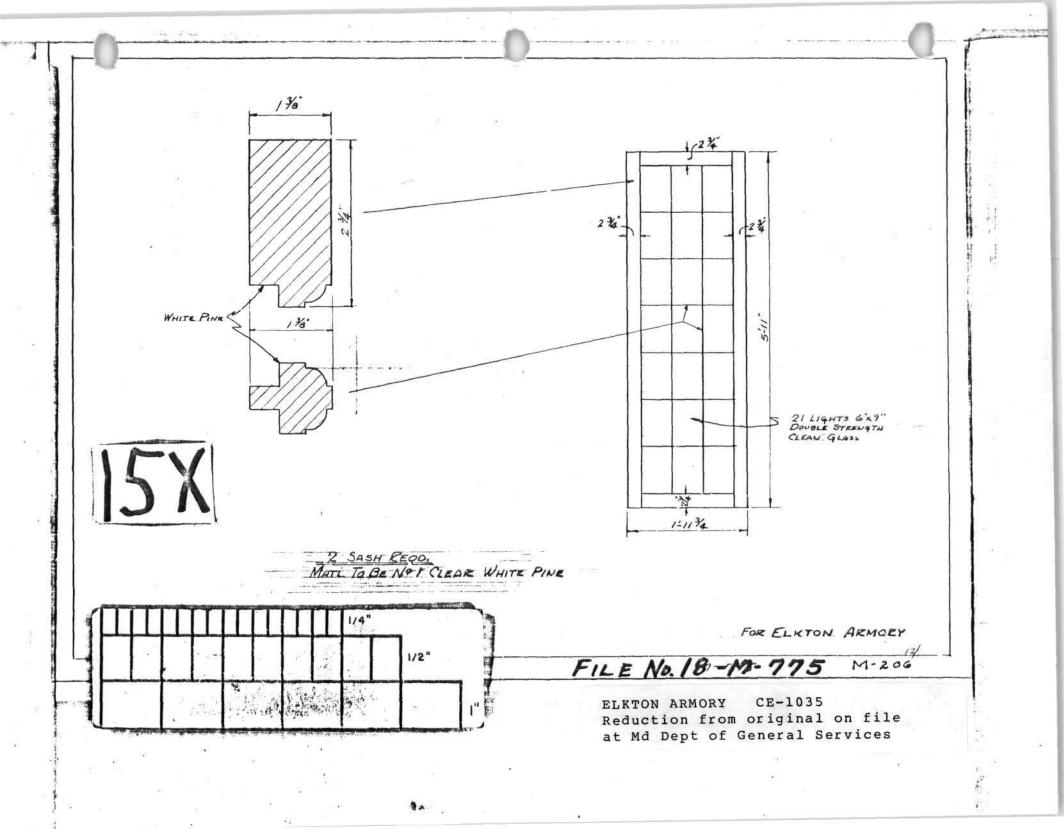
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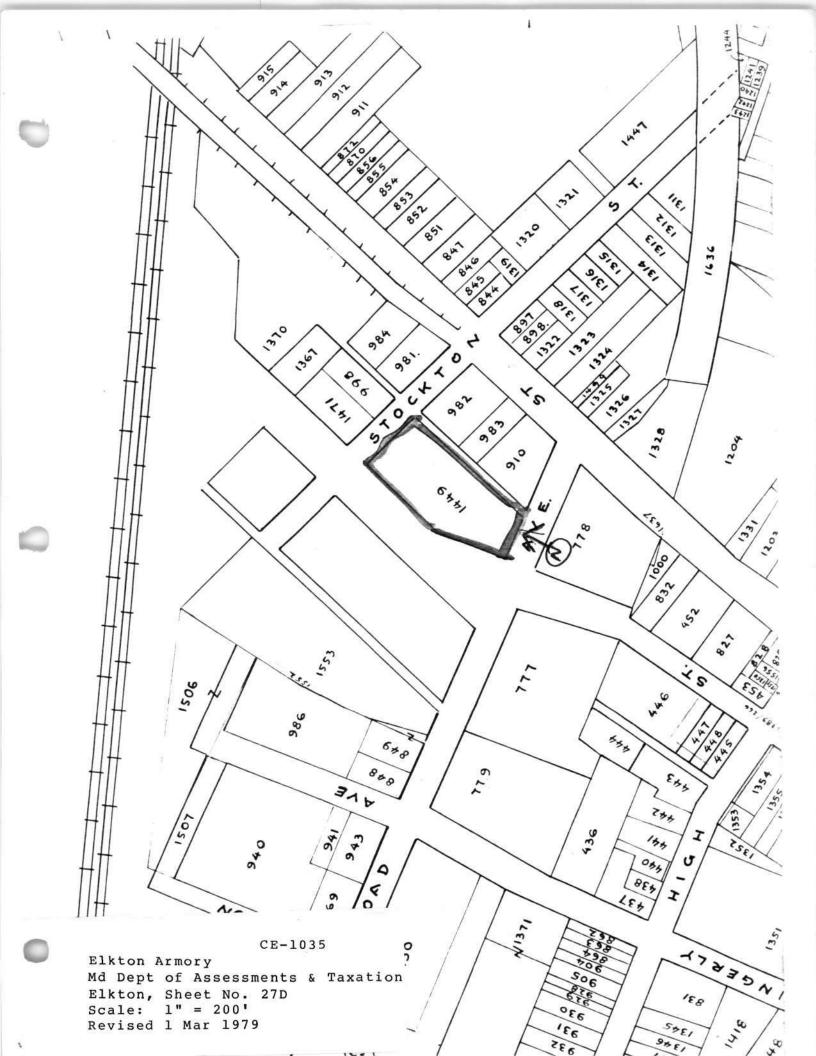


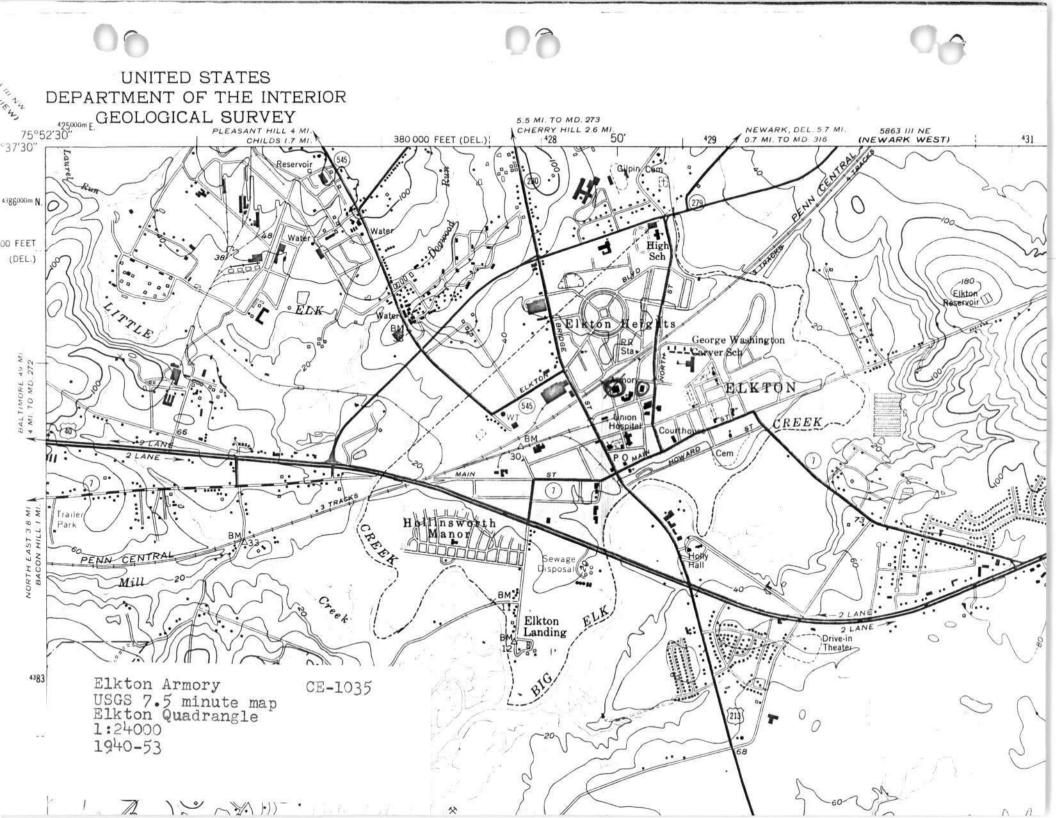
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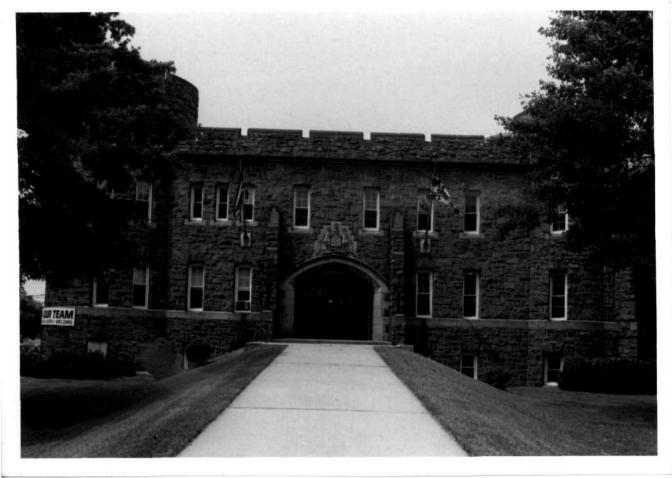








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Bow St., and Railroad Ave.
Elkton
Geoffrey Henry 3/85



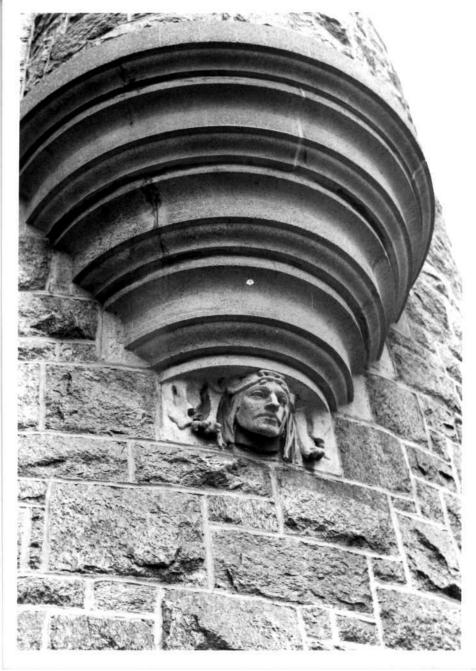
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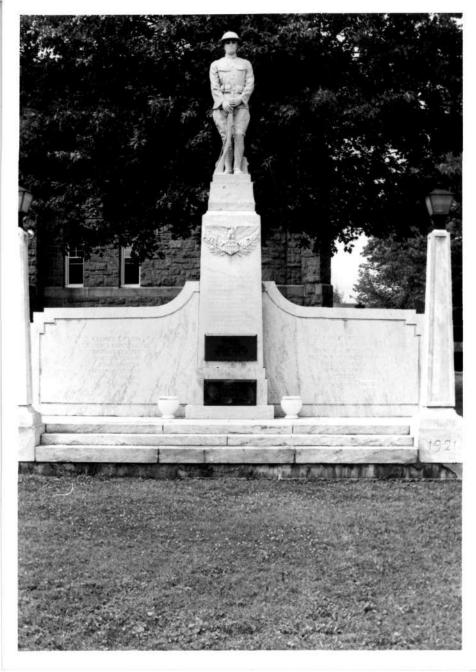
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